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SUBJ: WTO ASSEMBLY: HEADQUARTERS SITE ISSUE -- MEXICAN REQUEST FOR
SUPPORT

REFS: (A) MADRID 3447 (B) NOVA/DREYFUSS TELECON 5/21

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA CALLED ME IN CONSIDERABLE AGITATION, SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY CASTRO Y CASTRO THAT THERE ARE NOW ONLY TWO CANDIDATES FOR HEADQUARTERS, I.E., MEXICO AND MADRID. HE RECALLED HIS CONVERSATION SOME MONTHS AGO WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHO HAD SUGGESTED THAT ONCE THE U.S. HAD COMPLIED WITH ITS OBLIGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA REGARDING ZAGREB, IT COULD FEEL FREE TO GIVE MEXICO SUPPORT. IN REPLY TO MY OBSERVATION REGARDING HONOLULU, HE SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A VIABLE CANDIDATE AS THERE ARE ONLY TWO. IT WAS NOW UP TO THE U.S. TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MEXICO AND MADRID.

2. RABASA SAID THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAD BEEN IN PERSONAL TOUCH WITH HIM ON THIS MATTER, ASKING HIM TO CALL ME AND TO STRESS THAT A VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR MEXICO WOULD BE LOOKED ON WITH VERY FAVORABLE EYES BY MEXICANS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HIMSELF.

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3. RABASA SAID IT WAS NOW A MATTER OF MINUTES AND HE

HOPED I WOULD PHONE WASHINGTON.

4. I HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO ARA/MEX - JOHN DREYFUSS AND
STATED THAT I COULD RECOGNIZE THE FAVORABLE ASPECTS OF
MADRID BUT ALSO A VERY GOOD CASE COULD BE MADE FOR MEXICO.
AS OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE SEVERED BY ITS PROXIMITY TO THE
U.S. AND THE EASE OF PARTICIPATION IN OPERATIONS OF WTO.
I RECALLED THAT AT ONE TIME EMBASSY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT
AS WE WERE UNABLE TO SUPPORT MEXICON ON CERDS, THIS MIGHT
BE COMPENSATORY GESTURE WE COULD TAKE TOWARDS MEXICO.
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